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### **B.C. Baseball High-Performance Committee Meeting**

Jan. 27, 2019 Conference Call 7:30 PM

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Marty Hall, Les Szabo, James Raymond. Also attended by Iain MacIntyre

#### **Call in Details**

1-866-850-3418  
Conference code: 7860942278#  
Leader Pin: 2433#  
Guest Pin: 29648455

#### **7:30 pm.Call to Order**

#### **2019 Season Discussion**

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Baseball BC re. 2019 Programming Pathways - Initial email to open discussions on format and options has been sent

#### **2019 HP COMMITTEE CHAIR** - Currently Vacant, Recommendations?

It is the opinion of the HP committee that this is of significant importance and should be appointed expeditiously. The HP elements of BC Baseball programming requires significant planning and organization early in the season and the lack of chair impedes the ability of all committee members to work effectively to cover the required tasks in the time allotted. *It should be noted that the HP Committee has been reduced to three members from the original number of seven members. Those members who are no longer members of the committee were substantial contributors to the operation of the HP Program.*

**Recommendation** - The HP Committee would like the Board of Directors to consider the appointment of Marty Hall as the BC Baseball High-Performance Committee Chair. Marty's experience on and off the field, as a player, coach, and administrator provides ample support for Marty's suitability in the role.

## **HP COMMITTEE MEMBERS - Sufficient Coverage?**

With the resignation of Grant Rimer, we are short on historical reasoning and data that would provide tremendous assistance in the consideration and planning of HP programming. In addition to that, we are lacking adequate networking resources to source out and secure suitable coaches, trainers, and opportunities to engage and develop our HP player demographic.

**Recommendation** - The HP Committee would like the Board of Directors to consider the appointment of Mike Kelly as a member of the BC Baseball High-Performance Committee. Mike possesses unmatched historical experience and information. Mike has also developed a substantial network of high-performance resources that will significantly benefit the HP player demographic including coaches, trainers, and event organizers.

## **15U AAA**

**Director appointment** - The HP Committee is confident that given the proximity of the Special General Meeting where the membership will elect additional members to the BC Baseball Board of Directors, Les Szabo and James Raymond can attend to the primary needs of the 15U AAA division in the interim.

**Recommendation** - The HP Committee would like the Board of Directors to wait to appoint a 15U AAA Director until the election of new Board members. Our hope is that there will be a new candidate who can step into the role and provide the one on one coverage ideally suited to this division's needs

### **Current teams declared**

*Cowichan Valley*

*Mustangs*

*Delta Tigers Orange*

*Richmond Chuckers*

*Vancouver Community*

*Chilliwack Cougars*

*Kamloops Riverdogs*

*Kelowna Sun Devils*

*Nanaimo Pirates*

*Ridge Meadows Royals*

*North Shore Padres*

*North Langley Trappers*

*Abbotsford Angels*

*Newton Community*

**Schedule** - Require final team list to set schedule. Postponed until Feb. 1 for further consideration

**Playoff format** - The most recent playoff format set out by BC Baseball provides a rich experience to a vast number of player members and their families. The ability to play games late into the summer has a significant impact on player enjoyment, development, and growth of sport participation. The sheer number of players accessing summer baseball is of great benefit to our members.

**Recommendation** - The HP Committee would like the Board of Directors to consider every effort to retain the current Provincial Playoff format and integrate it with the Baseball BC Western and Nationals pathway model. The HP committee will further explore a number of options and their benefits in order to provide a list of recommended pathways for Board review. We will do so in conversation with Baseball BC and collection of feedback from our member associations (through survey and correspondence efforts)

**Post Provincial Pathway** - Further exploration required, anticipate more information shortly.

**15U AAA** - 2020 Programming committee, should include coach consultants currently engaged in the AAA programming. Committee to discuss. In order to present rule recommendations for consideration at the 2019 BC Baseball AGM, we believe that a panel of 5 - 6 individuals should be formed to create proposals for new and adjusted programming. This will be done through survey and direct communication with our members and consultation with HP Committee and 15U AAA 2020 Panel.

**Recommendation** - The HP Committee would like the Board of Directors to authorize the formation of a 5 - 6 member panel (2 BCBA HP Committee members and 3 or 4 Member coaches) in order to develop a package of recommendations pertaining to the betterment of the 15U AAA programming for the 2020 Season. The process to form this panel will be through committee consideration and targeting of coaches currently and/or historically active in the High-Performance divisions of BC Baseball.

## COLLEGE PREP

**\*\* Recommendation** - We add Grant Butler to HP Committee in the interim as the director for 18U AAA and CP. - Action postponed pending upcoming SGM

**Meeting minutes** - still need.

**Schedule** - Preliminary set, waiting for feedback from member associations. Currently being managed by Grant Butler and Anne Hayes.

**Playoff format** - Discussion rescheduled

**Other**

## **Team BC High-Performance Programming and Pathway**

### **PROGRAM PLANNING**

#### **13U Selects - Program recommendation (continue or discontinue)**

Coach Applications - Outline for the ideal candidate

Team BC ID Camp Venues - Dates and Host Communities

Team BC Development Camps - Venues and Host Coaches

Team BC Tournament - Registered but not paid

#### **15U Selects - Program recommendation (continue or discontinue)**

Coach Applications - Outline for the ideal candidate

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#### **16U Selects - Program recommendation (continue or discontinue)**

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Team BC ID Camp Venues - Dates and Host Communities

Team BC Development Camps - Venues and Host Coaches

Team BC Tournament - Registered but not paid

### **TEAM BC SELECTS PROGRAM SUMMARY**

The HP Committee views the BC Baseball Team BC Selects program as a significantly valuable program as provided to the member players of the Province. We view access to the experience and opportunities to try out for the Team BC development camp across the province as an important part of the BC Baseball membership. However, we also believe that there are changes and improvements that can further benefit a wider population of players and demonstrate the value of BC Baseball to the members of our affiliated Associations. The HP Committee has set the task to review the Team BC Selects program and provide recommendations of changes for review and consideration.

Initial areas for exploration;

- Member feedback on the experience of events likes and dislikes
- Purpose of Development Camps, the Committee sentiment was that more emphasis should be put on player development over team selection
- Provide safeguards to prevent team selection bias
- Review value and purpose of Travel Tournament aspect of the program
- Look at ways to be more cost-effective
- Consider the impact of changes on current budgetary goals
- Look at ways to maximize player exposure
- Should the pattern of repeat players being selected be of concern?
- How do we maximize the number of players benefiting from the program
- Can the ID camps achieve more than just ID players, such as provide some instruction to players?
- Is there another format that would be of bigger reward to more players, coaches and member Associations

### **18U AAA / College Prep Showcase**

This program was heavily dependant on Grant Rimer. With his resignation, this program is in jeopardy. HP Committee to explore options, including but not limited to asking Grant to join this particular project to help us transition, consideration will need to be given to the fact that this may come with expected financial compensation.

### **Round Table Discussion**

**Bat rules** - No discussion until the final release of 2019 Rulebook

**Player Import Rules** - No recommendations

**Task** - Communication to all associations regarding the new committee members, the need for their patience, support, and understanding while we re-tool after the Diamond League event and set out a mandate for reform, call for member advisors, discussion... See the attached letter.

**Other** - Communication to member Associations about the value of honestly evaluating their programming levels in order to responsibly declare the appropriate and most beneficial level of play (A/AA/AAA/CP). In the effort to provide long term health and growth of genuine High-Performance programming it is critical to have a more competitive balance between teams. We understand that it is an ideal, however, we cannot stress the importance of honesty and humility in the assessment of current player base when determining what level of play to declare. It was also discussed that once reviewed by the BC Baseball Board of Directors, we should make all HP Committee meeting minutes available to our member associations by way of posting in an archive accessible by our member associations.

**Meeting adjourned - 9:33 PM**